SEVENTH DAY—*Monday, 10th October 1930.*

The House re-assembled at 12 NOON.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS—(*Contd.*)

MR. DATTU RAO (Tumkur Taluk).—

Q.—47. Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) If any arrangements have been made for putting up electric fans in the third class carriages of the Mysore State Railways?

(*b*) If so, when are the fans going to be put up ?

(*c*) Has anything been done towards the further improvements of the lavatories in the railway carriages and if not, whether necessary steps will kindly be taken in the matter ?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, RAILWAY DEPARTMENT.—

A.—47. (*a*) and (*b*) It is not proposed to instal electric fans in the third class carriages.

(*c*) Lavatories are being considerably improved in the new stock.

Supplementary Questions and Answers.

Mr. Mahomed Imam.—

Is it not necessary in the interest of the health of the passengers?

Second Member of Council.—

It is not proposed to do it at present. It is done nowhere else. Mysore has a cool climate and fans are not so necessary. We want to improve the accommodation in the third class as much as possible in certain other respects.

Mr. Mahomed Imam.—

What will be the cost?

Second Member of Council.—

Notice.

Mr. Mahomed Imam.—

Can you give any relief in this respect?

Second Member of Council.—

Not at present.

Mr. M. Ramachandra Rao Scindia.—

Have you compared the income from the first and second class passengers with that of the third class passengers? Do you not think that more facilities are required for the third class passengers?

Second Member of Council.—

You must compare like with like.

Mr. Krishnamurthiachar.—

Are the Government aware of the inconveniences arising from the use of the old carriages?

Second Member of Council.—

In the new type of carriages we are attempting to give more conveniences.

Mr. Krishnamurthiachar.—

Is it not possible to give the same conveniences in the existing carriages?

Second Member of Council.—

It is not possible. Nor can we suddenly withdraw old carriages from service.

Capt. Y. V. Ayya.—

What is the idea in improving the lavatory? Do you introduce flushing arrangements, etc.?

Second Member of Council.—

More space is now provided. I understand that in the women's compartment wash stands, mirror, etc., are provided.

Capt. Y. V. Ayya.—

Why not give the same conveniences in the male side also?

Second Member of Council.—

I am told that flushing arrangements are at present made in the lavatory attached to the compartment for males. We shall try to do the other things as far as possible in due course.

Mr. G Mallanna.—

Do not Government know that the shutters of the windows in the third class compartments are not properly fixed and are a source of danger to the people?

Second Member of Council.—

That question does not arise.

Mr. G. Chennappa.—

Is it possible to provide sleeping berths in the third class?

Second Member of Council.—

That is a new question.

Mr. V. V. Iyer.—

Is it not necessary to provide waiting rooms for third class passengers?

Second Member of Council.—

Yes.

Mr V. V. Iyer.—

Why is it not provided at Bhadravati?

Second Member of Council.—

We shall provide it.

Another Member.—

Sometimes water is not available in the third class compartment. Will the Government kindly arrange for it?

Second Member of Council.—

It is being done. When there is no water, you have to inform the Station Master or the Guard. Arrangements are also made to increase the capacity of the water tanks so as to hold more water.

MESSRS. SORAPPA and MARALEGOWDA (Sira Taluk) and CHOWDRI ABDUL RAZAK SAB (Sira Municipality).—

Q.—49. Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) The reasons for abolishing the Bench Court at Sira.

(*b*) The average number of cases left undisposed of each year from 1924 onwards till the abolition of the Bench Court.

(*c*) The expenditure incurred on the Bench Court every year.

(*d*) The annual income derived by the said court.

(*e*) Who were the Magistrates appointed for the Bench every quarter from October 1928 to October 1930 ?

(*f*) Who were the Magistrates that pleaded inability to serve on the Bench ?

(*g*) What were the reasons for nominating again the same Magistrates who thus pleaded their inability ?

(*h*) Whether any one had applied for inclusion in the list of Magistrates offering himself for service in place of the Magistrates who pleaded inability and what became of the application ?

(*i*) What was the volume of work turned out and the number of cases disposed of in the months of February and March 1930 in this Bench Court ?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, LAW DEPARTMENT.—

A.—49. (*a*) The court was not functioning properly by reason of want of harmony among the Honorary Magistrates and irregularities and delays in the disposal of cases. Some cases in which the accused were in custody had to be transferred to other courts on the report of the Chairman of the Bench Court that the cases could not be proceeded